

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Appln. No.: 10/710,031 Group Art Unit: 2664  
Confirmation No.: 4030 Examiner: CHIN, Wellington  
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND MEDIUM  
HAVING AN IMAGE PROCESSING CONTROL PROGRAM RECORDED THEREON

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

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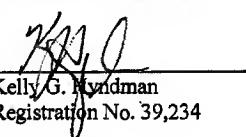
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Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Japanese Office Action dated August 2, 2006 corresponding to Japanese Application No. 2002-180777.

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